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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
David HUNG et al.) Group Art Unit: 1617
Serial No.: 09/876,144) Examiner: Jennifer M. Kim
Filed: June 8, 2001) Attorney Docket No. 005284.00092
For: Preparation For Breast Duct Fluid)
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 22003

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement of the outstanding Office Action mailed January 14, 2003, applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group III, claims 1 and 6-8, drawn to a composition for being applied to a breast nipple in preparation comprising various combinations comprising at least two of the following: an orifice-dilating agent, a vasodilator, a muscle-relaxing agent, muscle-constricting agent, a lactation-stimulating agent, a secretion-stimulating agent, a sphincter-relaxer, an anti-ischemic agent, a calcium channel blocker or a dye or stain.

In response to the Election of Species requirement contained in the Office Action, applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, the species of a lactation-stimulating agent and a dye. Claims 1 and 6-8 read on this elected species.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application to the invention of non-elected Groups IV during the pendency of the present application.

No fees are believed due in addition to the one-month extension of time. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge all applicable fees to Deposit Account number 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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